

ROBERT MILNOR AND JOHN THOMPSON.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 57.]

MARCH 3, 1840.

Mr. Toland, from the Committee on Commerce, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Milnor and John Thompson, report :*

That the committee have examined the case, and concur in the report of the Committee on Commerce made thereon at the 3d session of the 25th Congress, to which they refer the House. They report a bill for the relief of the petitioners.

JANUARY 23, 1839.

*The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Milnor and John Thompson, of Philadelphia, praying compensation for extra service performed by them as gaugers of the United States customs at the port of Philadelphia, report :*

It appears, from the petition and evidence accompanying, that under the act of Congress of the 4th of July, 1836, entitled "An act to suspend the discriminating duties upon goods imported in vessels of Portugal, and to reduce the duties on wines," it became necessary to *re-gauge* all wines coming within the terms of that law, which had been previously imported, but remaining in the custom-house stores on the 30th day of July following, in order to extend to them the provisions of said act, reducing the duties to be paid thereon : that, at the port of Philadelphia, there was a large quantity of wine which had been previously gauged, coming within the provisions of said act ; the remeasurement of which devolved on the petitioners, and, in addition to their ordinary duties, was a work of considerable labor and of some expense, those ordinary duties being to gauge all wines, &c., "to be landed from foreign ports, or reshipped to foreign ports, entitled to debenture:" that it has been the usage of the Government, sanctioned, in many instances, by special appropriations, to allow to officers in its employ extra pay for extra service, where such service was clearly not within the scope of their proper duties, and devolved on them increased labor or responsibility ; and such a case, the committee believe, is fully made out by these petitioners.

Accompanying their petition is an account showing the amount of service performed under the act aforesaid, and the fees allowed by law for the

same, as ordinary work, which is certified by the deputy surveyor and inspector of the port of Philadelphia to be correct, amounting, in the whole, to the sum of \$2,757 23.

The committee recommend that the claim be allowed, and, therefore, report a bill.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 87.]

MARCH 3, 1840.

Mr. Thompson, from the Committee on Commerce, made the following

### REPORT:

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Milnor and John Thompson, report:

That the committee have examined the case, and consent in the report of the Committee on Commerce made thereon at the 3d session of the 28th Congress, to which they refer the House. They report a bill for the relief of the petitioners.

JANUARY 23, 1839.

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Milnor and John Thompson, of Philadelphia, praying compensation for extra service performed by them as gaugers of the United States customs at the port of Philadelphia, report:

It appears from the petition and evidence accompanying that under the act of Congress of the 4th of July, 1836, entitled "An act to suspend the discriminating duties upon goods imported in vessels of Portugal, and to reduce the duties on wines," it became necessary to re-gauge all wines coming within the terms of that law, which had been previously imported, but remaining in the custom-house stores on the 30th day of July following, in order to extend to them the provisions of said act, reducing the duties to be paid thereon: that at the port of Philadelphia, there was a large quantity of wine which had been previously gauged, coming within the provisions of said act; the reimbursement of which devolved on the petitioners, and, in addition to their ordinary duties, was a work of considerable labor, and of some expense, those ordinary duties being to gauge all wines, &c., "to be landed from foreign ports, or reshipped to foreign ports, entitled to be landed from the hands of the Government, mentioned in many instances, by special appropriations, to allow to officers in its employ extra pay for extra service, where such service was clearly not within the scope of their proper duties, and devolved on them increased labor or responsibility; and such a case, the committee believe, is fully made out by these petitioners.

Accompanying their petition is an account showing the amount of service performed under the act aforesaid, and the fees allowed by law for the

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